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China: Panama Canal-BlackRock-CCP-Li Ka-shing

In case there was any doubt about Communist China's de facto control of the Panama Canal, it has been dispelled by Beijing's actions in the wake of the sale of Hong Kong-based CK Hutchison's Panama port facilities to BlackRock. Furious at the setback, Beijing is now punishing Hong Kong nonagenarian billionaire Li Ka-shing for allowing the sale, blocking the deal from going forward, and forbidding companies on the Mainland from transacting further business with Li's company. One Hong Kong newspaper and kept asset of the CCP, *Ta Kung Pao*, railed against the CK Hutchison-BlackRock deal, characterizing it as "a spineless kneeling, profit-seeking and unrighteous act, ignoring national interests and national justice, and betraying and selling out all Chinese people." Ah, yes. Please tell us again how all Trump's claims of Chinese control over the canal are wildly exaggerated, since Hong Kong is not the CCP, the CK Hutchison facilities do not amount to control, etc. Its hand forced, the Chinese Communist Party has dropped all pretext of disinterest and is going all out to reverse the sale, a move that, if successful, will probably leave the United States with no option other than to reassert control over the canal militarily.
— SB

China Readying Attack on Taiwan

To underscore its intent, China this week launched a surprise new round of aggressive military exercises around Taiwan. The Taiwanese government detected at least 71 military aircraft, a carrier group, and 13 additional PLA navy vessels in the waters around Taiwan, practicing for what appears to be a military blockade of the free island. Possibly emboldened by the Trump administration's ambiguous behavior with regard to the Russia-Ukraine war, China appears to be gearing up at long last to call America's bluff on the Taiwan question, and consummate the long-planned Communist conquest of Free China. — SB

Vietnam: 50th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, April 30, 1975

This year's anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War will bring a renewed onslaught of propaganda and disinformation. In truth, the war never ended. Certainly

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not for the millions of our fellow human beings in Southeast Asia who were rounded up, tortured, slaughtered, or sent to "reeducation" camps for brainwashing. Not for the millions of inhabitants now living today in the communist prison states of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Not for the millions of Vietnam Veterans and Vietnamese-American "boat people" who experienced communist-style "liberation" first hand. And not for every single one of us today who are still being incessantly indoctrinated by the pro-communist Deep State media and academia, not only regarding the Vietnam War but also concerning a myriad of additional issues.

Last year, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to designate April 30 as "Jane Fonda Day." Incredible! Outrageous! Should we also designate Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7) as "Tokyo Rose Day" to honor Iva Toguri, the Japanese-American woman who broadcast enemy propaganda to American troops during World War II? Or "Axis Sally Day" to honor Mildred Gillars , the American traitor who broadcast propaganda for the Nazis? "Hanoi Jane" Fonda was cut from the same traitorous cloth. Question: Why would the Board of Supervisors do such a perfidious thing? Answer: Because the Board has been taken over by a claque of far-left, feminist, "progressive" Democrats. They are dubbed "The Five Queens" and "The Fab Five" by the fawning media cabal, which exults that "An all-women board now presides over L.A. County's 10-million-plus residents." So, did the "ladies" of the board come up with the idea themselves, or was it fed to them by one or more of the many Reds in LA/Hollywood? Either way, the Jane Fonda/April 30 tie-in was no scheduling accident. It was very intentional. It was intended as an in-your-face, rub-your-nose-in-it celebration of the communist takeover of Vietnam, and is a grim reminder that Italian communist Antonio Gramsci's scheme for a "long march through the institutions" has been wildly successful. Fortunately, in the case of Los Angeles, there is a very large anti-communist Vietnamese American community that pushed back. Feeling the heat, the "queens" folded (kind of) and changed the date. We can expect more of these attempts to enshrine the pro-communist narrative about Vietnam. What to do about it? Glad you asked. See immediately below. — WFJ

The April 28, 2025 "Vietnam issue" of *The New American*

The three-part cover story package features:

- "Americans Are Still Paying for the Vietnam War" by R. Cort Kirkwood, a five-page overview that reports, "American POWs left behind in Vietnam died there, and now Vietnam collects U.S. foreign and military aid."
- "The Tragedy of Southeast Asia" by R.D. Patrick Mahoney, subtitled "A Vietnam veteran looks back at the war we should have won," reprinted from our February 1, 1988 issue. Many JBS members and *TNA* readers will remember Patrick Mahoney from his articles and his speaking tours on Vietnam and other topics.
- "The John Birch Society on Vietnam" by Robert Welch. Cut and run? Continue the status quo? The JBS advocated a third alternative during the war years, while calling for a complete cessation of aid to "our Communist enemies."

In addition, this print issue of the magazine includes:

- "Vietnam's Godly Grunt" by Rebecca Terrell, a moving tribute to Marine Corps chaplain Father Vincent Capodanno, who was killed on the battlefield heroically ministering to wounded and dying Marines, in total disregard to his own danger. He is the recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Navy Bronze Star, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and the Purple Heart.

- "Betrayal and Tragedy," a review of the phenomenal 1965 book *Background to Betrayal: The Tragedy of Vietnam*, by Hilaire du Berrier.
  (See the announcement below.) — WFJ

Announcement: *Background to Betrayal* Back in Print

Western Islands Publishing is proud to announce the long-awaited republication of *Background to Betrayal: The Tragedy of Vietnam* by Hilaire du Berrier — the definitive insider account of how the United States was maneuvered into losing the war in Vietnam. Du Berrier, a courageous journalist with firsthand experience in Indochina, lays out in vivid detail how the globalist elite sabotaged nationalist movements, empowered communist regimes, and betrayed American ideals in the name of internationalism. Originally published in 1965, this book is a powerful indictment of the policymakers who sold out Southeast Asia — and a warning to Americans still willing to learn from history. A must-read for patriots determined to expose the enemies within. — JW

JBS/*TNA* Vietnam "Treasure Trove" Archive: Fight the Pro-Communist Indoctrination

Fortunately, the TNA/JBS website that served as a repository and landing page for truthful resources about Vietnam is now back up and in service, after a hiatus of many years. This treasure trove of information resulted largely from the passion of former JBS Vice President Tom Gow, who personally put untold hours into creating this uniquely valuable database. Thanks to the herculean efforts of our amazing IT team and other members of our staff, this arsenal of knowledge, which we feared was lost forever, has been resurrected and is ready for action.

The John Birch Society and the Vietnam War, which can be accessed at jbs.org/vietnam/ (bookmark it!), is a one-of-a-kind resource featuring close to 200 articles, commentaries, book reviews, and bibliographies that you're not going to find in such a convenient, concentrated form on any other site.

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— WFJ

Con-Con Status Update

To protect our God-given rights, we must defend the U.S. Constitution from efforts to change or abolish it, including via an Article V constitutional convention. Although state legislative sessions are still underway in most states, we have already seen some key victories against the effort for a constitutional convention. Here is a list of victories:

- *Wyoming*: SJ 1, which followed the wording of Mark Meckler's Convention of States (COS) Project

application, was defeated in the state House by a 25-32 vote. This victory is especially notable, since the Wyoming House of Representatives is currently the only chamber with a Freedom Caucus majority, and many of those members voted against SJ 1. Kudos to JBS Field Coordinators Leah Southwell and Eldon Stahl for informing state legislators about the dangers of a convention.

- *Idaho*: HCR 10 would have made three separate applications for a convention, for term limits, a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA), and for the COS application. Thankfully, the state House defeated this resolution by a 26-44 vote. A separate resolution to ostensibly regulate delegates to a convention, HCR 9, also failed. Dorothy Moon, the chairwoman of the Idaho Republican Party, vocally advocated against these dangerous resolutions.
- *New Hampshire*: The state House voted to table (kill) a COS resolution. Unfortunately, it also tabled a separate resolution to rescind New Hampshire's existing BBA application.
- *Montana*: The Legislature has either voted down or tabled SJ 4 (BBA), HJ 13 (term limits), and SB 120 (delegate oversight). We are currently monitoring HJ 5 (COS), which the House previously tabled but recently resurrected and passed out of committee.
- *South Dakota*: Arguably the most dramatic victory this year was the defeat of SJR 502 (COS) in the state House. Despite passing the Senate by a 23-9 vote, the House voted it down by a 29-38 vote, a wider margin than expected. South Dakota was one of COS's top targets this year — and now they will need to wait at least until next year in order to try again. Although term-limits resolution HJR 5002 passed the Legislature, the defeat of the COS resolution, despite the odds, is especially encouraging.

Legislative sessions are still ongoing in many states, and Con-Con resolutions are still at risk of passage, especially in Arizona, Iowa, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. Please contact your state legislators, and urge them to defend the U.S. Constitution by opposing any resolutions applying for a

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constitutional convention and rescinding any existing applications. — PR

DeSantis Con-Con Push Fails in Idaho (and Montana?)

A particularly odd spectacle this year is to see Florida Governor Ron DeSantis flying about the country to propagandize for a constitutional convention, supposedly for a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA). However, if the Sunshine State governor would allow a little disinfecting sunshine upon the BBA, it would be quickly exposed as a bogus fiscal effort whose real purpose is to open a Convention of States (COS).

DeSantis recently flew to Montana and Idaho to lobby state legislators for the BBA/COS/Con-Con. A March 24 press release from Idaho Governor Brad Little's office states:

> Governor Ron DeSantis joined Governor Brad Little at the Idaho Statehouse today to push for support for a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
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> Governors Little and DeSantis highlighted the alarming and unsustainable trend of federal spending. They said the only real way to rein in the federal budget for good is for the balanced budget amendment campaign to reach 33 state convention calls — the threat of a convention — and force Congress to propose a balanced budget amendment for ratification.

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"I joined Governor Brad Little in Idaho today," said DeSantis, "to urge lawmakers to consider a resolution to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a Balanced Budget Amendment. Florida and 26 other states have already passed similar resolutions."

Like many other Republican politicians, Governor Little postures as a rock-ribbed conservative when addressing MAGA voters, but his record is abysmal. Widely referred to as "Chicken Little" and "Governor Doolittle" in Idaho (your editor's home state), he has alienated many informed Idahoans who are aware of his toadying up to the UN and Soros-funded "refugee resettlement" lobby that has flooded southern Idaho with thousands of (mostly Muslim) "refugees." He is even more widely recognized and despised in the Gem State for his egregious (Newsome-style) Covid lockdowns and mandates. (See here and here.)

Last year, DeSantis journeyed to Indiana and South Carolina to promote the "term limits" Con-Con scheme. As Peter Rykowski notes in the article above, we have been successful in stopping these efforts, but following DeSantis's trip to Montana, the House resurrected H J5. Stay tuned for updates. — WFJ

Lawfare Against Le Pen: EU Declares War on Nationalism, Populism

The Deep State globalists who have waged relentless lawfare against Donald Trump for the past eight years (and continue to do so) have gone nuclear on another "far right" politician: France's Marine Le Pen, leader of the National Rally party. See France Bans Populist Marine Le Pen From Next Election for a quick recap and a video interview with Le Pen following the outrageous court ruling.

This follows the recent court ruling barring "far-right" Romanian presidential front-runner Călin Georgescu from the nation's highest office. (See here, here, and here.) Every leading conservative political figure in Europe is targeted for the same treatment. They are relentlessly smeared as "far right" and vilified falsely as fascist, racist, antisemitic, neo-Nazi, etc. And if the media-enabled demonization campaign does not suffice, there is always lawfare with criminal and civil charges. — WFJ

CFR Attacks Italy's Meloni. Is She Next?

Next on the political execution list appears to be Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. *Foreign Affairs*, the journal of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), unleashed a heavy salvo at her on March 26. That salvo came in the form of an article by one Nathalie Tocci titled "Why Europe's Far Right Can't Be Tamed." The subtitle gives further hint of the bludgeoning to come: "Italy's Meloni and the False Promise of Moderation." Tocci writes:

> As a far-right tide sweeps across the Atlantic, European liberal democrats are searching for a strategy. Some believe that they should erect stronger firewalls by refusing to join coalitions that include the far right to prevent its leaders from gaining political power. Others … have advocated cooperating with certain far-right parties in the hope of cajoling specific leaders away from extremes by offering them a seat at the table.

"But the hopes that moderates have harbored about Meloni are misplaced," says Tocci. After a few initial steps that appeared to show "moderation" (meaning going along with some EU and NATO policies), Meloni veered back to the "right." Horrors!

"Meloni's political shift has also revealed that the more right-wing politicians take office, the more strength and freedom they afford to one another," Tocci warns. She continues, "In 2023, Meloni had only one far-right peer in Europe: Hungary's right-wing prime minister, Viktor Orbán. Today, eight European governments include far-

right parties, and two more — the Czech Republic and Romania — could gain far-right participants this year. In the 2024 European Parliament election, the far-right group of parties to which Meloni belongs won more seats than either the liberal or Green faction did." Horror of horrors!

So, one might ask, who is this Nathalie Tocci, and whence comes her expertise on Georgia Meloni? According to the short bio provided next to her *Foreign Affairs* article, she "is Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali in Rome, a Professor at the School of Transnational Governance at the European University Institute, and Europe's Futures Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna." Impressive. Doubly so when you know what all that means — and add some missing information besides. So, let's get started.

Few Americans (or even Italians, for that matter) have heard of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (Institute of International Affairs). Does it help if we mention that it is a sister affiliate of the Council on Foreign Relations?

Yes, it is one of 27 such groups spread throughout the world, operating under the auspices of the Council of Councils (COC), an umbrella organization created by, and run by, the CFR. (For a more detailed report on the COC, see "Council of Councils: CFR Deep State Convenes Latest Globalist Confab on "World Order"

But we're just getting started. Tocci is also a member of another CFR front, the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECF). In addition, she sits on the Advisory Board of the Center for European Reform and the Editorial Board of the *Journal of European Integration*. For those unfamiliar with European Union argot, "reform" and "integration" in this context always mean further destruction of any national sovereignty and deeper *integration* (political, economic, social, and legal) into the increasingly socialist European collective. Then there's her gigs as a guest opinionator for Politico and visiting professor at the Harvard Kennedy School. There's more, but that pretty well establishes her credentials as a certified globalist.

But what about her bona fides as a socialist doyen of the "far left," a term that isn't even applied to Xi Jinping and his CCP myrmidons these days? Tocci is a good example of the globalist-socialist-communist convergence that is so prevalent in the institutions of the EU, the World Economic Forum, and those associated with the CFR. Before we get to her personally, however, we should take a brief look at the CFR affiliate, the Istituto Affari Internazionali (Institute of International Affairs, IIA) that she heads. The IIA was founded by Italian communist Altieri Spinelli. We have written about Spinelli and the Spinelli Group as architects of the globalist-socialist-communist movement for the European Union. (See, for instance here and here.) However, for a more detailed report on this important hidden hand in the EU's history and ongoing development, we highly recommend

reading *Godfather of the European Union: Altiero Spinelli* by Lindsay Jenkins, published in the UK by The Bruges Group.

There's much more regarding Tocci's socialist-communist ties beyond Spinelli. Briefly, we should mention her stint as advisor to "former" apparatchik in the Italian Communist Party and high-level EU factotum Federica Mogherini (see here and here) and Mogherini's EU successor, Josep Borrell. Another far-left EU politician who escapes the label-lynching that greets "far-right" populists, Borrell and his Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) are members of the far-left Progressive Alliance and the even more far-far-left Socialist International.

It's obvious that Prime Minister Meloni and all other populists who challenge the Great Reset for the New World Order can expect a very rough road ahead.
— WFJ

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